

there includes, in the section that is indicating which motor vehicles are covered by the seat belt law, school buses. If we are concerned about the safety of people, if we are concerned about the safety of people between the ages of 4 and 16, then it makes sense to me that we ought to say that school buses then would be required to have seat belts and passengers be belted in. If, on the other hand, we are only concerned about what the federal government might require automobile manufacturers to put in, then, obviously, there is no need to have seat belts in school buses. Now it is no secret that I am not a supporter of this bill. But I do think it is important, for the matter of record, to determine exactly what the purposes of this bill are. Now in my own mind I'm pretty sure what the purposes are when I know the people involved in supporting of this bill, when I look at the committee statement and notice the people who came in and supported it, when I read my mail from those people who are writing me in support of it. It is pretty clear where the support really comes from. I question whether it has to do with safety nearly as much as it has to do with perhaps the federal government might require air bags in automobiles. One other point I would like to make that hasn't been made yet today, I don't believe, is that, yes, we are being pressured, if you will, by the federal government, we, as a group of states, to enact this legislation, otherwise they will impose that sort of a restriction on automobile manufacturers that they must have air bags. But that pressure is applied to the states with a certain percentage of the population, I think it is two-thirds of the population. I would suggest to you that Nebraska and several other of our neighboring states could pass this piece of legislation and still wouldn't meet that requirement as far as the federal government is concerned. So I don't believe that us passing it for that reason, to meet that pressure, because the New Car Dealers Association wants us to, is going to help that much on the federal scene. I guess I just want the proponents of this piece of legislation to be a matter of record as to whether they are really concerned about the safety of our young citizens, or our citizens, period. Therefore, I ask for the adoption of this amendment that includes school buses as those vehicles required to be buckled up in. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lundy.

SENATOR LUNDY: (Response inaudible.)